

# Report



## How it's Made June 2012

This youth club ran for six weeks every Monday evening and always had a high number of young people attending. It was a group that featured various different activities, forming the basis of looking at landscapes, maps and life in the real world. The great enthusiasm displayed from the young people attending really helped bring the group closer and allowed them to bond very well in terms of meeting new friends and sharing creative and innovative ideas when completing different tasks. As well as this, it definitely offered the young people the opportunity to build on their social skills.

From the first evening all of the individuals were excited to be looking at the landscape and were eager to work together to build volcanoes out of paper mache, to then explode them in the coming weeks using a special solution of Bicarbonate Soda, Food Colouring, Vinegar and Soap. This task offered a great teambuilding opportunity and really gave the individuals the chance to express themselves and display their creative ability.

Another great task that enhanced the groups' skills and knowledge was the video and information sessions on volcanoes and the landscape, as

it provided a sound understanding of what makes up volcanoes and where they can be located across the world. Map symbol bingo and creating their own 'old' treasure maps also provided the young people with the opportunity to make new friends and work within a team through pairing up. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to get answers correct or win the symbol bingo was just fantastic. No young person looked bored or uninterested as this informal and creative way of learning definitely acted as a positive during the sessions.

Finally the group outing to Sainsbury's was definitely a great success which led the young people onto investigate what it's like to live in the real world and explore the importance of fair-trade through an awareness treasure hunt task in the store. During this evening, the young people excelled and definitely left a great impression as the manager stated her appreciation for teaming up with the Skatepark/ the local community and demonstrated the stores willingness to help out with other planned programmes in the future. This response was fantastic and definitely explains how well behaved the group were in public, even when doing

the treasure hunt in the store. Being responsible and understanding why fair trade products exist was a highly interesting topic for the young people to investigate further and they were all full of questions for the workers of how you can progress in various positions in the store to work your way up to be department managers or supervisors for example.

Overall, this youth club definitely built on the young people's interpersonal skills and helped raise their self esteem and self confidence every week. Educationally they have also enhanced their knowledge and build up lasting relationships

with the youth workers and the other young people that can continue to prosper when they return for youth clubs in the future. This group was a pleasure to be part of and definitely met intended aims and objectives through the fun and creative approach taken.

